

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/673,721

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Thuan Do

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 11/28/2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-6,8-12,17 and 18.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/12/2005.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is responsive to the amendment received on 11/28/2005. Claims 2-6,8-12,17,18 are allowed. Claims 1,7,13-16,19,20 are canceled.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be acceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

TITLE

Pursuing Form Paragraph 6.11 and 6.11.01. The new title of application has been amended as follows:

-- FUNCTIONALLY BASED PACKAGE DESIGN FOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT BLOCKS --

TO CLAIMS

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Rick Barnes on 12/12/2005 to cancel claims 1,7 and amend claims 2-4 and 8-10 as follow.

Claim 2, line 1: replace -- method of claim 1 -- by -- method of claim 5 --.

Claim 3, line 1: replace -- method of claim 1 -- by -- method of claim 5 --.

Claim 4, line 1: replace -- method of claim 1 -- by -- method of claim 5 --.

Claim 8, line 1: replace - - method of claim 7 - - by - - method of claim 11 - -.

Claim 9, line 1: replace - - method of claim 7 - - by - - method of claim 11 - -.

Claim 10, line 1: replace - - method of claim 7 - - by - - method of claim 11 - -.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 2-6,8-12,17,18 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance :

The prior art of record does not teach the plurality of package substrate standardized functional blocks that is associated with the given one of the plurality of integrated circuit standardized functional blocks are aligned so as to meet between the integrated circuit and the package substrate with the combination of all other features of each corresponding independent claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

CONTACT INFORMATION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuan Do whose telephone number is 571-272-1891. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew S. Smith can be reached on 571-272-1907. The fax phone numbers for proceeding this application is 571 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0596.

Thuan Do

Thuan Do
Primary examiner
12/13/2005